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FINAL SUMMARY FOR THE DECADE OF THE 1970s INCLUDING WINTER 1979

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This supplement to Openings, Closings, Mergers and Accreditation Status of Independent Colleges and Universities: Winter 1970 Through Summer 1979 provides the final installment in the collection of baseline information for the decade of the 1970s compiled by the National Institute of Independent Colleges and Universities. The supplement contains information unreported during the decade itself, data covering the final six months of 1979, information from Puerto Rico previously unavailable, and new findings based on changes in institutions not included in the earlier publication.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SUPPLEMENT

-- Almost two-thirds of the institutions which opened in the 1970s were founded in the first half of the decade.

-- More than half of the institutions opening in the 1970s are specialized institutions. Only a quarter of the institutions that closed in the 1970s were specialized institutions.

-- The number of institutions closing each year in the 1970s was relatively stable except for 1971, the only year in the decade when overall enrollments in independent colleges and universities declined. (This is also the year when deferments from the draft ended for Vietnam-era students.)

-- More than 70 percent of all closings among two-year or specialized colleges occurred in the first half of the decade. Conversely, 56 percent of all closings of four-year colleges took place in the second half of the decade. Almost a third of the closings among four-year colleges took place in 1978 or 1979.

FIRST TIME OPENINGS

TABLE 1

FIRST TIME OPENINGS BY YEAR OF FOUNDING OF
TWO-YEAR, FOUR-YEAR AND SPECIALIZED INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS[1]
JANUARY 1970 - DECEMBER 1979[2]

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	Total	%
Two-Year	2	3	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	2	14	12%
Four-Year	9	10	4	3	4	2	4	4	2	0	42	35%
Specialized	6	5	7	9	9	4	9	1	7	6	63	53%
Total	17	18	12	14	16	6	13	6	9	8	119	100%

CLOSINGS

TABLE 2

TWO-YEAR, FOUR-YEAR AND SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS,
CLOSING, BY YEAR[1]
JANUARY 1970 - DECEMBER 1979

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	Total	%
Two-Year	3	11	8	5	6	1	3	1	4	4	46	31%
Four-Year	6	6	2	7	6	8	1	6	8	11	61	42%
Specialized	8	10	2	4	5	5	4	1	0	1	40	27%
Total	17	27	12	16	17	14	8	8	12	16	147	100%

Branch campuses are counted as separate institutions.

Openings, for the most part, are from the Education Directory, published annually during the 1970s, and Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education, also published annually. Additional information is from the NIICU survey of postsecondary state agencies and state associations of independent higher education.

MERGERS WITH INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS

TABLE 3

TWO-YEAR, FOUR-YEAR AND SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS,
MERGERS WITH INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS, BY YEAR[1]
JANUARY 1970 - DECEMBER 1979

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	Total	%
Two-Year	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	9	19%
Four-Year	1	7	2	4	2	4	1	1	1	3	26	54%
Specialized	1	2	1	0	5	0	1	1	0	2	13	27%
Total	3	11	5	4	7	4	3	4	1	6	48	100%

SHIFTS TO PUBLIC CONTROL

TABLE 4

TWO-YEAR, FOUR-YEAR AND SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS,
SHIFTS TO PUBLIC CONTROL, BY YEAR
JANUARY 1970 - DECEMBER 1979

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	Total	%
Two-Year	0	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	9	47%
Four-Year	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	6	32%
Specialized	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	21%
Total	1	2	2	4	3	2	3	0	0	2	19	100%

[1] Branch campuses are counted as separate institutions.

ACCREDITATION STATUS

TABLE 5

TWO-YEAR, FOUR-YEAR AND SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS,
ATTAINING ACCREDITED STATUS, BY YEAR[1]
JANUARY 1970 - DECEMBER 1979

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	Total	%
Two-Year	2	11	14	5	10	11	4	10	5	14	86	22%
Four-Year	16	20	17	21	11	18	16	28	11	21	179	45%
Specialized	7	17	11	10	12	15	7	11	13	30	133	33%
Total	25	48	42	36	33	44	27	49	29	65	398	100%

[1] Branch campuses are counted as separate institutions.

NEW (FIRST TIME) INSTITUTIONS, 1/1/70 - 12/31/79

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NEW (FIRST TIME) INSTITUTIONS, 1/1/70 - 12/31/79
(Including New Branches Added to Institutions)

Institution	Year First Entered in the Education Directory	Founded	Two-Year Four-Year Specialized	Accredited December 31, 1979	HC Enrollment (1978)	Single-Sex - Coed	Affiliation
ALABAMA							
Southeastern Institute of Technology	Not listed	1976	Spec.	-	288	Coed	I
United States Sports Academy	1981	1972	Spec.	@S	12(1980)	Coed	I
ARIZONA							
Western International University	1980	1978	4 Year	@N	118(1979)	Coed	I
CALIFORNIA							
Capitol Bible Institute	Not listed	1976	Spec.	-	12(1980)	Coed	Bethel Temple
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific	1978	1977	4 Year	@OSTEO	36	Coed	I
Graduate Center for Child Development and Psychotherapy	Not listed	1975	Spec.	-	-	Coed	I
Institute for Transcultural Studies	Not listed	1979	Spec.	-	2	Coed	I
International Bible College	Not listed	1979	Spec.	-	32	Coed	I
Life Chiropractic College West	-	1978	Spec.	-	217	Coed	I
Pacific Graduate School of Psychology[1]	Not listed	1976	Spec.	-	125	Coed	I
Palmer College of Chiropractic - West	Not listed	1978	Spec.	-	35	Coed	I
Western Sierra Law School	-	1979	Spec.	-	17	Coed	I
COLORADO							
Naropa Institute	1980	1974	Spec.	@N	120(1979)	Coed	I

[1] @N in 1981.

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(Including New Branches Added To Institutions)

Institution	Year First Entered in the Education Directory	Founded	Two-Year Four-Year Specialized	Accredited December 31, 1979	HC Enrollment (1978)	Single-Sex - Coed	Affiliation
FLORIDA							
Central Florida Bible College	1981	1976	4 Year	@BI	194	Coed	I
College of Business and Public Administration[1]	Not listed	1978	Spec.	-	48(1979)	Coed	I
Florida School of Professional Psychology[2]	1981	1978	Spec.	@S	69	Coed	I
International Art University[3]	Not listed	1979	Spec.	-	248(1980)	Coed	I
GEORGIA							
Emmanuel College School of Christian Ministries	1979	1973	Spec.	BI	46	Coed	Pentecostal Holiness Church
Savannah College of Art and Design	1981	1978	Spec.	@S	57(1980)	Coed	I
ILLINOIS							
Chicago School of Professional Psychology	1980	1978	Spec.	@N	45(1979)	Coed	I
East West University	1981	1978	4 Year[4]	3IC[5]	482(1980)	Coed	I
Forest Institute of Professional Psychology	1979	1979	Spec.	-[6]	85(1980)	Coed	I
INDIANA							
Martin Center College	1980	1977	4 Year	@N	33(1980)	Coed	I

[1]Closed in 1979.
[2]Merged with Nova University in 1981.
[3]Closed in 1982.
[4]Established as a 2 Year Institution.
[5]@N 1982.
[6]@N 1980.

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(Including New Branches Added To Institutions)

Institution	Year First Entered in the Education Directory	Founded	Two-Year Four-Year Specialized	Accredited December 31, 1979	HC Enrollment (1978)	Single-Sex - Coed	Affiliation
MASSACHUSETTS							
Wang Institute of Graduate Studies	Not Listed	1979	Spec.	-	20(1979)	Coed	I
MICHIGAN							
Allan/Touro College	Not listed	1976	4 Year	-	20(1981)	Coed	I
NEW JERSEY							
Wirths Campus-Upsala College (Branch)	Not listed	1979	4 Year	M	250(1980)	Coed	Lutheran
NEW YORK							
Bramson O R T Technical Institute[1]	1979	1977	2 Year	NY	175	Coed	I
Gruss Girls Academy	1979	1976	Spec.	31C	234	W	I
NORTH CAROLINA							
East Coast Bible College	1981	1975	Spec.	@BI	215(1980)	Coed	Church of God
OHIO							
Centreville Bible College	Not listed	1971	Spec.	BI	50(1980)	Coed	Baptist
OREGON							
Oregon Graduate School of Professional Psychology	Not listed	1976[2]	Spec.	-	18(1979)	Coed	I
PENNSYLVANIA							
Biblical Theological Seminary	Not listed	1973	Spec.	@M	119	Coed	I
Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary	Not listed	1975	Spec.	-	81	Coed	Baptist
Delaware Law School of Widener University (Branch Campus)	1979	1971	Spec.	LAW	831	Coed	I

[1] Became Gruss Girls Seminary, 1979.

[2] Classes began in 1979.

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(Including New Branches Added To Institutions)

Institution	Year First Entered in the Education Directory	Founded	Two-Year Four-Year Specialized	Accredited December 31, 1979	HC Enrollment (1978)	Single-Sex - Coed	Affiliation
PUERTO RICO							
Caribbean University College, Carolina Center	Not listed	1979	2 Year	-	205(1979)	Coed	I
Center for Advanced Studies on Puerto Rico & the Caribbean	1981	1977	4 Year	@M	184(1980)	Coed	I
Escuela de Medicina San Juan Bautista	Not listed	1976	Spec.	-	171(1980)	Coed	I
La Facultad para las Ciencias Sociales Aplicadas	Not listed	1976	Spec.	-	18(1980)	Coed	I
Ponce School of Medicine	1981	1976	Spec.	MED	179(1980)	Coed	I
Universidad Central del Caribe Escuela de Medicina de Cayey	1981	1976	Spec.	@M	1,007(1980)	Coed	I
TEXAS							
Criswell Bible College	1979	1970	Spec.	BI	189	Coed	Southern Baptist
VIRGINIA							
Christendom College	Not listed	1976	4 Year	-	75(1980)	Coed	Roman Cath.
WISCONSIN							
Wisconsin Lutheran College	1979	1973	2 Year	@N	48	Coed	I

INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS: CLOSING, 1/1/70 - 12/31/79

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INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS: CLOSING, 1/1/70 - 12/31/79*

Institution	Year First Entered in the Education Directory	Founded	Two-Year Four-Year Specialized	Accredited December 31, 1979	NC Enrollment (1978)	Single-Sex - Coed	Affiliation
ALABAMA							
Southern Benedictine College	1979	1892	4 Year	S	385	Coed	Roman Cath.
KENTUCKY							
Southeastern Christian College	1979	1949	2 Year	ØS	124	Coed	Church of Christ
MAINE							
Glen Cove Bible College	1979	1959	4 Year	ØBI	67	Coed	I
MICHIGAN							
Duns Scotus Seminary[1]	1979	1930	4 Year	M	59	M	Roman Cath.
PENNSYLVANIA							
Kilroe Seminary of the Sacred Heart	1971	1955	Spec.	-	21(1970)	M	Roman Cath.
VERMONT							
Mark Hopkins College	1978	1964	4 Year	3IC	42	Coed	I
Royalton College	1978	1965	4 Year	3IC	34	Coed	I

* The Providence campus of Roger Williams College was listed in both the Education Directory and in the original 1980 NIICU publication as having closed. This information is not accurate. As of May 1983, the campus remains open.

[1] Now D'etre Institute of the Arts.

MERGERS WITH OTHER INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS, 1/1/70 - 12/31/79

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MERGERS WITH OTHER INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS, 1/1/70 - 12/31/79

Institution	Year First Entered in the Education Directory	Founded	Two-Year Four-Year Specialized	Accredited December 31, 1979	HC Enrollment (1978)	Single-Sex - Coed	Affiliation
MASSACHUSETTS							
Simon's Rock Early College (Merged with Bard College to form Simon's Rock of Bard College)	1979	1964	4 Year	EH	200	Coed	I

INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS ATTAINING ACCREDITED STATUS: 1/1/70 - 12/31/79

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INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS ATTAINING ACCREDITED STATUS
1/1/70 - 12/31/79

Institution	Year First Entered in the Education Directory	Founded	Two-Year Four-Year Specialized	Accredited December 31, 1979	HC Enrollment (1978)	Single-Sex - Coed	Affiliation
ARIZONA							
Western International University	1979	1978	4 Year	@N	118(1979)	Coed	I
CALIFORNIA							
Heald Institute of Technology, Santa Clara	1979	1974	Spec.	@W,JRCB		Coed	I
Saybrook Institute [1]	1979	1970	Spec.	@W	130	Coed	I
COLORADO							
Denver Baptist Bible College	1978	1952	Spec.	@BI	208	Coed	I
FLORIDA							
Edward Waters College	1979	1866	4 Year	S	836	Coed	African Methodist Episcopal
Ringling School of Art and Design	1979	1931	Spec.	S	497	Coed	I
GEORGIA							
Thomas County Community College	1979	1950	2 Year	@S	250	Coed	I
Emmanuel College School of Christian Ministries	1979	1973	Spec.	BI	49	Coed	Pentecostal Holiness Church
ILLINOIS							
MacCormack Jr College	1979	1904	2 Year	N	420	Coed	I
KANSAS							
Central Baptist Theological Seminary	1979	1901	Spec.	N, THEOL [2]	106	Coed	American Baptist
MAINE							
Central Maine Medical Center School of Nursing	1978	1891	2 Year	EH	74	Coed	I
MASSACHUSETTS							
Weston College School of Theology	1979	1922	Spec.	THEOL	223	Coed	I

[1] Now Humanistic Psychology Institute.

[2] Accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada prior to 1970.

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Institution	Year First Entered in the Education Directory	Founded	Two-Year Four-Year Specialized	Accredited December 31, 1979	HC Enrollment (1978)	Single-Sex - Coed	Affiliation
MICHIGAN							
Kendall School of Design [1]	1979	1928	Spec.	@N	406	Coed	I
Saint John's Provincial Seminary	1977	1949	Spec.	N,THEOL	117	Coed	Roman Cath.
MISSISSIPPI							
Wesley College	1979	1972	4 Year	BI	89	Coed	Congregational Methodist
NEW YORK							
Bramson O R T Technical Institute [2]	1979	1977	2 Year	NY	175	Coed	I
NORTH CAROLINA							
Roanoke Bible College	1979	1948	Spec.	BI	177	Coed	Churches of Christ
OKLAHOMA							
Flaming Rainbow Univ.	1979	1972	4 Year	@N	301	Coed	I
Midwest Christian Col.	1979	1946	4 Year	BI	115	Coed	Church of Christ
PENNSYLVANIA							
Medical College of Pennsylvania	1977	1850	Spec.	@M	310	Coed	I
Pinebrook Jr College	1979	1950	2 Year	@M	139	Coed	I
PUERTO RICO							
Ana G. Mendez Educational Foundation: (Fundacion Educativa)							
Puerto Rico Junior College	1974	1949	2 Year	M	4,058	Coed	I
Universidad del Turabo	1979	1972	4 Year	M	5,484	Coed	I
Antillian College	1978	1957	4 Year	M	647(1980)	Coed	I

[1] M in 1981.
[2] Bramson O R T Training Center in 1979, @N in 1981.

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PUERTO RICO (Continued)							
Caribbean Center for Advanced Studies (Centro Caribeno de Estudios Postgraduados)	1979	1971	Spec.	M	348(1980)	Coed	I
Catholic University of Puerto Rico (Universidad Catolica)	1973	1948	4 Year	M	11,456 (1980)	Coed	I
Center for Advanced Studies on Puerto Rico and the Caribbean	1979	1977	4 Year	M	184	Coed	I
International Institute of the Americas of World University	1979	1965	Spec.	M	4,751	Coed	I
Universidad Poletechnica de Puerto Rico	1978	1974	Spec.	M	191	Coed	I
SOUTH DAKOTA							
National College	1979	1941	2 Year	SRCB, N[1]	2,510	Coed	I

[1] SRCB-1953 One year candidate, Junior College accreditation 1966, Senior 1970.

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TENNESSEE							
Johnson Bible College	1979	1893	4 Year	S,BI	399	Coed	I
Tomlinson College	1979	1966	2 Year	ΦS	269	Coed	Church of God
TEXAS							
Amber University[1]	1979	1971	Spec.	ΦS	931	Coed	I
Criswell Bible College	1979	1970	Spec.	BI	348	Coed	Southern Baptist
VERMONT							
Woodbury Associates School of Legal and Continuing Education	1978	1976	Spec.	ΦEH	32	Coed	I
VIRGINIA							
Bluefield College	1977	1920	4 Year	S	302	Coed	Southern Baptist
WASHINGTON							
Puget Sound College of the Bible	1979	1950	Spec.	BI	173	Coed	I
WISCONSIN							
Wisconsin Lutheran College	1979	1973	2 Year	ΦN	96	Coed	I

[1] Changed name from Abilene Christian University at Dallas.